

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NANCY L. JAMES, Chapter 7 Trustee

Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES C. PATON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Case No. C15-1914RSL

ORDER STAYING CASE

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. Being fully informed of the primary issues in this case and of the overlap between the Attorney General's proof of claim in In re Breast Cancer Prevention Fund, Case No. 13-16150-MLB,<sup>1</sup> and the trustee's damages in this action, the Court finds that the validity of and objections to the Attorney General's claim should be resolved in the bankruptcy action prior to any attempt to establish causation or allocate fault in this matter. This matter is therefore STAYED. The parties shall file a joint status report within twenty-one days of The Honorable Marc L. Barreca's order regarding the validity of and objections to the Attorney General's proof of claim.

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<sup>1</sup> Defendants' motion to strike the trustee's request for judicial notice (Dkt. # 327) is DENIED. The Court has taken judicial notice of the documents filed in the underlying bankruptcy proceeding.

1 Dated this 25th day of January, 2017.

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